

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claim 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. By this Amendment, claims 1-9 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the claims are variously rejected for allegedly failing to provide antecedent basis for certain limitations, and for reciting "such as."

Without admitting the propriety of the rejection, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 1-9 are variously amended.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. Claim Objection

Claims 1 is objected to for informalities. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended as suggested by the Office Action.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for designating independent claim 1 as containing allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in a condition for allowance in view of the amendments made herein.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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